

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND GROUP PLC

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The Deciding Factor

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Choosing when to buy and sell can be a tough part of the investment process, especially when considering market volatility, transaction fees and taxes.

Manage Market Volatility

The RBS Trendpilot[™] Exchange Traded Note strategy takes the human decision making out of the process by using a simple moving average to establish a trend.

- o When the relevant market is trending up, the ETN participates in the market.
- o When the relevant market is trending down, the ETN tracks 3-month U.S. T-Bills.

Avoid Transaction Fees when Switching

Investors in RBS Trendpilot[™] ETNs (the "RBS ETNs") avoid certain costs typically incurred when switching in and out of investments directly.

How are the RBS ETNs treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes?

As of the date of this document(1), we believe that it is reasonable to treat the RBS ETNs for U.S. federal income tax purposes as prepaid forward contracts with respect to the index that they track. Under this treatment, gain or loss upon the sale, redemption or maturity of an investor's RBS ETNs should equal the difference between the amount the investor receives at that time and the investor's cost basis in the RBS ETNs. This gain or loss should be long-term capital gain or loss if the investor has held the RBS ETNs for more than one year.

Figure 1 summarizes, as of the date of this document, certain expected U.S. federal tax consequences that holders should be subject to pursuant to the terms of the RBS ETNs. These tax consequences, however, are not certain and alternative treatments are possible. Please see the applicable pricing supplement for a more complete discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences, and alternative tax characterizations of ownership and disposition that are possible with respect to the RBS ETNs.

Figure 1: RBS ETNs Expected U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment

| | Expected Treatment at Maturity | Recognition of Current Income |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Commodities | Capital Gains | No |
| Equity | Capital Gains | No |

(1) Dated: 4/18/13

To find out more on the tax treatment of the RBS ETNs click [here](#) and see the applicable pricing supplement.

Help take the emotion out of your investment process with RBS Trendpilot[™] Exchange Traded Notes:

| Product | ETN Ticker | Inception Date | Intraday Indicative Value Ticker |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|
| RBS Trendpilot[™] ETNs | | | |
| RBS US Large Cap | TRND | 12/6/10 | TRND.IV |
| Trendpilot[™] ETN | | | |
| RBS US Mid Cap | TRNM | 1/25/11 | TRNM.IV |
| Trendpilot[™] ETN | | | |
| RBS Gold Trendpilot[™] | TBAR | 2/17/11 | TBAR.IV |
| ETN | | | |
| RBS Oil Trendpilot[™] | TWTI | 9/13/11 | TWTI.IV |
| ETN | | | |
| RBS NASDAQ-100 ([R]) | | | |
| | TNDQ | 12/8/11 | TNDQ.IV |
| Trendpilot[™] ETN | | | |
| RBS China Trendpilot[™] | TCHI | 4/13/12 | TCHI.IV |
| ETN | | | |

For more information: usmarkets.rbs.com/etnUS or 855.RBS.ETPS (855.727.3877)

This information should not be considered tax advice. Investors are urged to consult their tax advisor with regard to their specific situation.

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CERTAIN RISK CONSIDERATIONS: The RBS ETNs involve risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities, including a possible loss of some or all of your investment. The level of the relevant Index must increase by an amount sufficient to offset the aggregate investor fee applicable to the RBS ETNs in order for you to receive at least the principal amount of your investment back at maturity or upon early repurchase or redemption. The RBS Oil Trendpilot(TM) ETNs and the RBS Oil Trendpilot(TM) Index (USD) do not provide exposure to spot prices of crude oil and, consequently, may not be representative of an investment that provides exposure to crude oil. Each Trendpilot(TM) Index may underperform its respective Benchmark Index, and is expected to perform poorly in volatile markets. The RBS China Trendpilot(TM) ETNs involve risks associated with an investment in emerging markets, as well as currency exchange risk. Even though the RBS ETNs are listed on the NYSE Arca, a trading market may not develop and the liquidity of the RBS ETNs may be limited and/or vary over time, as RBS plc is not required to maintain any listing of the RBS ETNs. The RBS ETNs are not principal protected and do not pay interest. Any payment on the RBS ETNs is subject to the ability of the issuer and guarantor to pay their respective obligations when they become due. The intraday indicative value and the daily redemption value are not the same as the trading price or market price of the RBS ETNs in the secondary market. You should carefully consider whether the RBS ETNs are suited to your particular circumstances before you decide to purchase them. We urge you to consult with your investment, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors with respect to any investment in the RBS ETNs.

The RBS ETNs are not suitable for all investors. You should carefully read the relevant pricing supplement and prospectus, including the more detailed explanation of the risks involved in any investment in the RBS ETNs as described in the "Risk Factors" section of the pricing supplement, before investing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: RBS plc and RBS Group have filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the offering of RBS ETNs to which this communication relates. Before you invest in any RBS ETNs, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents that have been filed by RBS plc and RBS Group with the SEC for more complete information about RBS plc and RBS Group, and the offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, RBS plc, RBS Securities Inc. (RBSI) or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus and the pricing supplement at no charge if you request it by calling 1-855-RBS-ETPS (toll-free).

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